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Organizations offer PD for special ed transition planning

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Many teachers—even seasoned special education teachers—haven't studied transition planning through university coursework or other professional development. District leaders should encourage them to join professional organizations to learn more. Read more>>

Top News

School strikes lead to highest number of work stoppages in 11 years

MarketWatch

There was highest number of "major" work stoppages in 11 years in 2018,

according to new U.S. Labor Department data. The department reported 20 stoppages, involving at least 1,000 workers last year, with the 553,000 workers involved being the highest in 32 years. The largest event: the Arizona school strike. Read more>>

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The Fidget may help increase muscle engagement and focus for a more movement-rich school day. The 14”, 18” and 22” stools allow for flexibility across environments. Read more>>

Teaching to the drug test

U.S. News & World Report

Teachers are proving vulnerable to disconnects between state and federal law that send conflicting messages about the use of medical marijuana. And district officials are in between a rock and a hard place: Under the Drug-Free Workplace Act, any employer that receives federal funding must operate a drug-free workplace, or risk losing that funding. Read more>>

‘Full-service’ community schools get a closer look in Minnesota

Austin Daily Herald

A bill in the Minnesota Senate would put up $30 million over two years to expand full-service schools, which meet education, health care, and other student and family needs under one roof. This community model, tried in Faribault, Duluth and Rochester districts, has caught the attention of new Gov. Tim Walz. A separate bill in the House would also put money toward such schools. Read more>>

Kentucky school safety bill passes unanimously in Senate

WPSD Local 6

The Kentucky Senate passed a school safety bill that calls for the creation of a state school security marshal position and development of a school security risk assessment tool, among other measures. The bill comes one year after two students were killed in a shooting at Marshall County High School in Benton. Read more>>

At these schools, later start times get an A-plus for students needing more sleep

The Washington Post

A new study at Seattle School District high schools has found that later start times are associated with more sleep and better performance for students. They are among hundreds of U.S. schools that have pushed back start times, following the American Academy of Pediatrics' guidance to delay the start of middle and high school classes until 8:30 a.m. Still, fewer than 1 in 5 schools comply. Read more>>

Santa Fe, N.M., schools worry that voters casting ballots in person, and now via mail, may reject edtech funding

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In a test of a new state law that aims to increase election turnout, voters in several New Mexico school districts are casting ballots by mail for the first time. And the results of a recent Albuquerque Public Schools special election—with such voters rejecting construction project proposals—have Santa Fe officials concerned. An election there is seeking $11 million per year to fund edtech and support schools. Read more>>

A year after Parkland: Progress, but controversy still rages

New Castle News

The mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland set off months of nationwide lobbying to restrict access to firearms and better protect schools. In Pennsylvania, the tragedy also spurred some action—including a gun-control law and the January launch of the Safe2Say program, allowing students to pass along tips using a website or smartphone app. Read more>>

Opinion & Analysis

Vaccine rejections based on religious exemptions are rising sharply in Massachusetts

Boston Globe

An outbreak of measles, which is causing a full-blown public health emergency in the Pacific Northwest, is a wake-up call to states like Massachusetts that have seen a worrying rise in vaccine rejection. Read more>>

Pennsylvania District Attorney acts to reduce number of kids behind bars

The Inquirer

District Attorney Larry Krasner has announced new policies that will modify some disturbing practices in the treatment of juvenile offenders: locking them up for status offenses such as breaking curfew or skipping school; subjecting them to long bouts of solitary confinement; and sentencing them to subpar facilities, many of which do nothing to provide education or remediation. Read more>>

Industry News

New mobile communication product released

Listen Technologies

Two one-way receivers—LKR-11 and LKR-12—are the latest accessories for Listen Technologies' ListenTALK mobile communication product. The LKR-11 Receiver Pro features volume control; crisp, clear audio; a storage tray; software pairing; near field communication; and OLED digital display. The LKR-12 Receiver Basic is similar, but does not include the latter two features. Read more>>

Helping school systems dig deeper into their data

Schoolzilla

Mosaic District Progress Monitoring's new feature, Metric Zoom, extends Mosaic's analytical capabilities by allowing deeper drill-downs into a school system's data. Leaders will be able to view up to five years of data, compare and filter results, and more. Read more>>

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